**Personalized Learning Workgroup**

**Meeting Notes – 3/16/11**

**Attendees:** Amy Mellencamp, Carlen Finn, Tom Alderman, Sue Blethen, Peter McConville, Brent Littler, Noah Everitt, Peter Garang Deng, Frank Gerdeman

* Meeting was hosted by Frank at the downtown offices of Vermont Adult Learning. We began with an introduction of the New American Specialist Peter Garang Deng.
* Presentations to group based on the February meeting assignments:
  + Tom covered relevant state statute and State School Board policy (all referenced items are available on the workgroup wiki). The key point of his presentation is that there are currently no barriers at the state level to the bulk of our work. In fact, the state board is encouraging this kind of transformative action.
  + Peter McConville presented curriculum related work from a BHS team on map/scope and sequence for grade 9 English. Critical to this work is the identification and implementation of a more competency-based series of on-going assessments of learning.
  + Noah gave a brief overview of work Winooski high School is doing around student voice and involvement in creating graduation expectations, especially around “habits of graduates.”
  + Frank gave a shortened presentation on the use of Personalized Learning plans, processes and procedures from the High School Completion Program.
* Homework :
  + Group members are to continue reviewing the Equipped for the Future Standards for discussion at the next meeting.
  + The draft agenda for the next meeting can be viewed/edited on google docs (via the group wiki).

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 13th 3:30-5:30 pm at VAL – Cherry Street**